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SUBJ: CHINESE AND RUSSIAN COMMENTS ON KISSINGER SPEECH

1. FORMER LDP DIETMAN HIDEJI KAWASAKI, DURING PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 30 HELD ON RETURN FROM PEKING VISIT, SAID CHINESE OFFICIALS TOLD HIM THEY FOUND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REMARKS DISPARAGING "EQUIDISTANCE" IN RELATIONS WITH OTHER STATES "VERY INTERESTING." DURING DISCUSSION INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, CHINESE (PRESUMABLY CHINA JAPAN FREINDSHIP LEADER LIAO CHENG-CHIH) ALSO ADVISED KAWASAKI THAT JAPAN SHOULD HAVE DEEPER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE U.S. JOURNALIST WHO ATTENDED CONFERENCE TOLD US REPORTS, CARRIED ONLY IN JAPANESE VERSION OF ASAHI AND IN SANKEI, WERE MADE BY KAWASAKI BASED ON PREPARED, WRITTEN NOTES.

2. RELIABLE JOURNALIST FRIEND TOLD US ANOTHER JOURNALIST FRIEND OF HIS HEARD SOVIET AMBASSADOR TROYANOVSKY EXPRESS DISSATISFACTION WITH KISSINGER'S SPEECH, CHARGING THAT SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON "EQUIDISTANT" DIPLOMACY WERE DELIVERATE ENCOURAGEMENT TO GOJ TO TOLT TOWARDS CHINA AND AWAY FROM SOVIETS.

3. COMMENT. TROYANOVSKY'S REMARKS, IF TRUE, WILL
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SERVE HIM POORLY. JAPANESE ALSO DETECTED IMPLICIT QUESTIONING

BY KISSINGER OF JAPAN'S ERSTWHILE POLICY OF "EQUIDISTANT DIPLOMACY"
TOWARD MOSCOW AND PEKING. WHILE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WILL NOT CAUSE
JAPAN TO ABANDON ATTEMPTS TO MAINTAIN MEASURE OF BALANCE IN RELATIONS
WITH COMMUNISTS GIANTS, INNUENDO FROM PEKING AND CHARGES FROM
RUSSIANS ADD FUEL TO LOCAL HEGEMONY DEBATE. LATEST POINTS
SEEM TO GO TO CHINESE.
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